

The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Minutes of the Board
December 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on December 13, 2016.

Sharrie Cranford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

A quorum of members was present including:

District I Representative, Sharrie Cranford (Chair)

District II Representative, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey (Vice Chair) joined the meeting in progress at 9:50 a.m.

District III Representative, Valeri White

District V Representative, Michael Smith

District VI Representative, Marilyn Colson

District VII Representative, LaShea Cobb-England

Ellen Leonard, board legal counsel, was present. Brenda Holden, Executive Director, was also present.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted to the Secretary of State's website.

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the minutes from the October 21, 2016, board meeting were reviewed. Corrections to the minutes were noted. Marilyn Colson made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Brenda Holden stated there are five (5) hearings to be held. There are three (3) open complaints.
2. Valeri White made a motion to approve new licenses. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The matter regarding Code of Alabama Section 13A-6-21 was reviewed and discussed. The Board tabled the matter and is taking no action at this time.

New Business

1. The following Board Members spoke to groups since the last meeting.
 - Sharrie Cranford spoke at an NASW-AL meeting.

- Valeri White attended the ASWB Delegate Assembly.
 - Jennifer Venable-Humphrey spoke at an NASW-AL meeting (Eastern Region).
 - Marilyn Colson and Amy Smith spoke at a meeting of DHR County Directors.
 - LaShea Cobb-England spoke at the University of Alabama School of Social Work.
2. There was discussion regarding how to help schools of social work improve knowledge related to licensure. Board members were charged with developing strategies for this and the issue will be addressed at a future meeting.
 3. The Board discussed the letter from Senator Phil Williams regarding the State Legislature's ability to capture unused funds from the Board's budget. Brenda Holden stated she had provided all necessary information to the appropriate parties and will keep the board members updated.
 4. Sharrie Cranford brought discussion about reworking the definitions of what licensure levels may participate in the use of opinions and assessment. The definition is broadly worded in the Administrative Code, the board tabled the matter until a future date.
 5. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey stated she has received input from licensed social workers in her area about helping impaired practitioners. The board discussed the matter, but no action was taken. The matter was tabled.

PIP Applications

1. Dorothy Carol Bailey: Approved Clinical Social Work and Social Casework
2. Katie Long Brantley: Approved Clinical Social Work
3. Debbie Buffaloe: Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
4. Suzanne Caglione: Approved Clinical Social Work
5. Tameka Nikkia Davis: Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work
6. Mary Alexandra Dill: Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Administration
7. Jacquelyn A. Johnson: Denied Clinical Social Work and Social Casework
8. Leah Rose Norton: Denied Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Social Work Administration
9. Jennifer Pickett Packer: Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work
10. Nelphia Campbell Pritchell: Approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Research, Social Work Administration, Community Organization
11. Lisa Nicole Selman: Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
12. Kaitlyn Callais Stafford: Approved Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Administration
13. Brandy Lynell Sutton-Gamble: Approved Social Casework, Denied Clinical Social Work and Social Work Administration
14. Lashaundra Renae Lark-Darien: Approved Social Casework
15. Wendy Slater Palkki: Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work, Denied Social Work Administration, Social Work Research, Community Organization

16. Jeanne A. Reddy: Approved Clinical Social Work
17. Terina Singleton: Approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work
18. Otis Jerome Washington: Denied Clinical Social Work
19. Regina Pollard Weathersby: Approved Social Casework, Denied Social Work Administration
20. Judy Falls Moore: Approved Social Casework
21. Lisa Selman: Approved Clinical Social Work and Social Casework

Sharrie Cranford called for a break at 10:36 a.m. Sharrie Cranford called the meeting back to order at 10:55 a.m.

Other Requests

1. Valeri White made a motion that Brenda Holden, Executive Director, become a part-time employee and retain her position as Executive Director as early as March 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Colson and carried unanimously.
2. Debra Dickerson's request for approval of "Autism Spectrum Disorder" course for 2 CEs was approved.
3. Michael Smith made a motion to approve Kelsia E. Smith's request for a waiver of 7.25 CEs due to exceptional circumstances. Jennifer Venable Humphrey seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 3 opposed. After further discussion, Jennifer Venable-Humphrey introduced a new motion to approve the waiver of 7.25 CE's for Kelsia E. Smith. Marilyn Colson seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 votes in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention.
4. Marilyn Colson made a motion to waive 5 classroom CE's for Karen Blackwood. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass with 4 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.
5. Allison Marona's request for approval of CE's was tabled until Brenda Holden is able to send a letter requesting additional verification of hours.

The date of the next board meeting was set for February 10, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Michael Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Venable-Humphrey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Smith, Acting Secretary

Sharrie Cranford, Board Chair